Name of the Assessee and Amount due on 31.12.98.		Steps taken for recovery
28.	M/s. Nagaland Plywood, Nagpur. Rs. 47,187/-	Under persuasive action.
29.	M/s. Kuda Wood Products, Dimapur. Rs. 9,46,646/-	Under persuasive action.
30.	M/s. Hills Plywood Udyog Ltd., Mariani. Rs. 31,902/-	No steps taken in view of pending with CEGAT.
31.	M/s. Naginimora Veneer & Saw Mills (P) Ltd., Mon Dist., Nagaland. Rs. 2,44,359/-	No action in view of order from High Court.

Amount Advanced to Small Scale Units

2233. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount advanced by the Public Sector Banks to the Small Scale Units during the last three years;

(b) the total amount pending recovery from them;

(c) the number of units found sick but viable; and

(d) what is the rehabilitation programme for such units?

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that total advances by Public sector Banks (PSBs) to small scale industries units (SSI) during the last three years were as under:

(Rs. crores)

As at the end of March	Amount
1996	29575
1997	31577
1998	38109

(b) The position of non-performing assets of PSBs in SSI sector for the year ending March, 1998 (latest available) was 23.18% of the total outstandings.

(c) and (d) RBI has reported that 18429 SSI units were found to be potentially viable as on March 1998. Out of these 13032 units have been put under nursing programme.

Credit Card Forgery Racket

2234. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of FFINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindu of 1st January, 1999 under the caption 'Major credit card forgery racket busted';

(b) what are the details in this regard; and